



NACE GONA LEARNING COMMUNITY CONFERENCE CALL

July 12, 2012

2:00 pm Eastern/1:00 pm Central/12:00 pm Mountain/
11:00 am Pacific/10:00 am Alaska

Toll free number: 1-888-757-2790 Code # 132641

A note from our facilitators Maria Trevizo and Seprieono Locario: When was the last time you facilitated a Gathering of Native Americans (GONA)? Or is your life a GONA? These questions speak to the heart of the matter to those of us whose lives have been touched by the Gathering of Native Americans curriculum. I have heard young people say they focused their life and went to college because of the GONA. On day four of the GONA, Generosity Day, I've heard young students say they would do "better in school" during the commitment session and I've seen parents commit to being healthy role models, deciding to be clean and sober. These are all positive, community changing events.

SAMHSA's Native American Center for Excellence (NACE) is presenting the Gathering of Native Americans (GONA) "Learning Community" conference call series. Join us for a reunion of GONA trainers to further the conversation on how the GONA impacts our Native communities and families, discuss ways to enhance the community's awareness of the lessons learned thru the GONA process, and how we can contribute to strengthening the GONA curricula.



Introducing our Guest Speaker: Patricia Whitefoot is one of the original writers of the Gathering of Native Americans, a curriculum that has withstood the test of time and has brought healing to our Native communities. Patricia is a long time community educator and is currently the President Obama Appointee to the ***National Advisory Council on Indian Education*** with the U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C.

Born and raised in the original homelands of the Yakama Nation, Patricia Whitefoot lives in White Swan, WA where she was raised by her maternal grandparents. She continues to live in the eastern foothills of the Cascade Mountains where early lessons learned were grounded in the natural environment. Frequent family trips along the Columbia River to fish and gather the traditional foods and visit family fostered a deep relationship among extended family and the diverse regional environment.

Join us for the learning community conference call on July 12, 2012 @ 2PM Eastern as she speaks to the GONA curricula and its current relevance.

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